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ABSTRACT

The Minnesota-Wisconsin Public Higher Education Reciprocity Agreement 1973-74 was designed to improve post-secondary education advantages of residents of Minnesota and Wisconsin. General provisions concern the nature and purpose of the agreement; duration of the agreement; scope of the agreement-students and institutions; plan for collegiate students; administrative agencies; provisions concerning the University of Minnesota School of Veterinary Medicine; computation of interstate reimbursement for tuition loss; plan for vocational students; vocational student application; magnitude of the vocational-technical student plan; and vocational-technical institutional quotas. (MJM)

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MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT 1973-74

GENERAL PROVISIONS

(1) *Purpose and Nature of the Agreement.* The purposes of this agreement are mutually to continue to improve the post-secondary education advantages of residents of Minnesota and Wisconsin through greater availability and accessibility of post-secondary education opportunities and to achieve improved effectiveness and economy in meeting the post-secondary education needs of Minnesota and Wisconsin residents through cooperative planning and effort by two neighboring states. These purposes will be accomplished through granting students entrance to public post-secondary institutions in the neighboring state according to the same terms, conditions, and fees which govern entrance to those institutions by residents of the state in which the institutions are located. Under this agreement, Minnesota residents are afforded the opportunity to attend public institutions in Wisconsin on the same basis that Wisconsin residents attend these institutions; and Wisconsin residents are offered the opportunity to attend public institutions in Minnesota on the same basis that Minnesota residents attend these institutions.

(2) *Duration of the Agreement.* This agreement is to be effective at the beginning of the 1973-74 academic year. The agreement will be reviewed annually and may be modified at any time upon mutual agreement of both parties to the agreement representing their respective states.

(3) *Scope of the Agreement - Students.* All persons who qualify as residents of Minnesota and Wisconsin for purposes of higher education under laws and regulations of the state of residency may be eligible to attend a public vocational school or a public collegiate institution as a student in the neighboring state under this agreement.

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(4) *Scope of the Agreement - Institutions.* All public vocational schools and collegiate institutions of higher education in Minnesota and Wisconsin are included under this agreement and are available to residents of the neighboring state in accordance with terms of this agreement.

COLLEGIATE EDUCATION

(1) *Plan for Collegiate Students Under the Agreement.* Under this agreement, any and all Minnesota residents are eligible to attend public collegiate institutions in Wisconsin as undergraduate, graduate, and professional students on the same basis for admission and tuition purposes that Wisconsin residents attend the same institutions. Similarly, any and all Wisconsin residents are eligible to attend public collegiate institutions in Minnesota as undergraduate, graduate, and professional students on the same basis for admission and tuition purposes that Minnesota residents attend these institutions. The Minnesota resident attending a Wisconsin institution is required to meet those admission and performance requirements which are applicable to Wisconsin residents.

Wisconsin residents attending Minnesota institutions are required to meet those admission and performance requirements which are applicable to Minnesota residents. Those charges for tuition and fees which apply to Minnesota residents attending Minnesota institutions will be applied to Wisconsin residents attending Minnesota institutions under the agreement. Those charges for tuition and fees which apply to Wisconsin residents attending Wisconsin institutions will be applied to Minnesota residents who attend Wisconsin institutions under this agreement. The intent of this agreement is that there shall be no restrictions on the number of students from either state who may participate in this agreement.

(2) *Administrative Agencies.* The following state agencies shall be responsible for administering this agreement in their respective states:

State of Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Commission

State of Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board

The administering agency in the student's state of claimed residence will be responsible for determining his or her eligiblility as a resident of that state.

(3) *University of Minnesota School of Veterinary Medicine*. Notwithstanding the provisions above, the University of Minnesota School of Veterinary Medicine shall accept, each year, not less than 17 or 20 percent of the entering class of Veterinary Medicine, whichever is the greater, and shall not be required to accept more than 24 qualified residents of the State of Wisconsin as entering first year students into the professional veterinary medicine program. For the 1973-74 academic year only, the number of Wisconsin residents accepted as entering first year students in the Veterinary Medicine Program shall be 16.

(4) *Computation of Interstate Reimbursement for Tuition Loss*.

(a) On June 30, each state shall determine the number of undergraduate, graduate, and professional students for whom nonresident tuition has been remitted under this agreement during the academic year including the summer session. Each state shall certify to the other state, in addition to the number of students so determined, the aggregate amount of tuition that would have been paid in that year had this agreement not been in effect, the aggregate amount of tuition actually paid in that year and its "net tuition loss".

(b) "Net tuition loss" means the difference between the aggregate amount of tuition that would have been paid to a state in any school year by residents of the other state had this agreement not been in effect and the aggregate amount of tuition paid to that state in that school year by residents of the other state.

(c) Enrollment determinations used in this computation shall begin with the fall session and include the next following spring and summer sessions.

(d) The state with the greater net tuition loss shall receive from the other state an amount determined by subtracting the net tuition loss of the state making the payment from the net tuition loss of the state receiving the payment.

(e) Any payment made under this agreement shall be a payment by one state to the other state and any allocation of funds to institutions to meet institutional costs associated with the agreement or for any other purpose shall be the responsibility of each respective state.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL EDUCATION

(1) *Plan for Vocational Students Under the Agreement.* Students attending a vocational school in the neighboring state will be reimbursed for nonresident tuition by the student's home school district. In accordance with this procedure, a Minnesota resident may attend a public area vocational-technical school in Wisconsin at the same cost for tuition and fees as the cost to a Wisconsin resident, and a Wisconsin resident may attend a public area vocational-technical school in Minnesota at the same cost for tuition and fees as the cost to a Minnesota resident attending the same institution.

(2) *Student Applications.* In order to attend a public area vocational-technical school in the neighboring state under this agreement, a student must apply to the director of the nearest public area vocational-technical school in the student's state of residence. The director will secure the necessary approval from the State Department of Education in Minnesota and the State Board of Vocational, Technical, and Adult Education in Wisconsin. Approval to be subject to state policies for out-of-district tuition responsibilities.

(3) *Magnitude of the Plan.* The intent of this agreement is to provide the opportunity for every student who wishes to attend a public area vocational-technical school in the neighboring state under this agreement to do so. Accordingly, the number of eligible students to be accommodated under this agreement will be limited only by (1) the availability of funds for reimbursement of tuition and (2) the capacity of the specific program

which the student seeks to enter.

(4) *Institutional Quotas.* No quotas for students attending public area vocational-technical schools under this agreement will be established. However, the opportunity to enter a public area vocational-technical school in the neighboring state will be dependent on the availability of space in the particular program which the student seeks to enter. A student whose application is approved in his state of residence will be accommodated in a public area vocational-technical school in the neighboring state if he meets those admission requirements which are applied to residents of the neighboring state and if space is available in the program which the student seeks to enter.

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